



September 23, 2013

Dear Rocky River Public Library Patrons:

The safety of children in the Library parking lot at school drop-off and pick-up times at Rocky River Middle School has been a long-standing issue for the Library board of trustees. The Library board realizes that we all – the Library, the schools, and the community - need an expert, objective assessment of the traffic safety situation in this area before we can make any further decisions. We have previously offered to do so and now, given the present situation, find it necessary to take action on our own.

Therefore, while there will be 30 minutes reserved for additional public comment at the 7:00 p.m. start of our September 25 regular board meeting, the board will not discuss or make any decisions on this situation or any use of the gate between the Library and Middle School parking lots at that meeting. After public comment, as part of our regular business meeting, we will consider and vote on a proposal to hire a professional traffic safety engineering firm to perform an objective analysis of the situation.

We will also investigate and access, as may be available to the Library, resources already available for school districts through the ODOT Safe Route to School program.

We will direct the safety experts to seek cooperation and input in public meetings from not just the Library, but all other stakeholders in this situation: Middle School PTA parents, the Rocky River School District administration and board, Rocky River residents, Library patrons and, once again, the city of Rocky River administration. We will share the results of the traffic safety study with everyone.

After the results of the safety study are made public, we will form a working group by inviting interested parties to collaborate on the next steps. Correspondence can be directed to me at a.bednarski@rrpl.org

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Audra M. Bednarski".

Audra M. Bednarski
President, Rocky River Public Library Board of Trustees